

Scott Jones

From: Paul Hartzler <paulhartzler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 6:02 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Cc: The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: SB 584-586

I am writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE Senate Bills 584 to 586, as well as any other legislation that would drop restrictions on firearms in public schools.

As a public school educator in the state of Michigan, I understand the danger of incidents such as what happened several years ago in Newtown, and longer ago in Columbine. However, I do not feel the solution is adding more guns into the mix. Public schools are fraught with daily pressures, including overstressed teachers and administrators, and physical altercations between students. The presence of even legally permitted guns adds a significant risk that the wrong person, in the wrong mental state, will get a hold of such a weapon. We cannot simply look at extreme examples and legislate based on those: We need to take the whole picture, with all of the risks, into consideration.

Paul Hartzler
Royal Oak Township, MI

Scott Jones

From: Katie Hayes <mrskatiehayes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 6:20 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: OPPOSE Senate Bills 584-585 and 586

Dear Members of the Senate Operations Committee,

I am writing to OPPOSE Senate Bills 584-585 allowing concealed carry in schools, daycares and hospitals and OPPOSE Senate Bill 586 prohibiting schools to regulate guns.

As a citizen and a parent in the state of Michigan (48336), please protect our safety.

Katie

Scott Jones

From: Margo Pernick <pernick.ml@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 6:26 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Bills 584,585,586

Please communicate my sincere opposition to these bills which will lessen the security of our children. Guns do not belong in schools, hospitals or child care centers. We are losing the battle of safety for our citizens so please let's stop this train from proceeding to a path of our destruction.

Thanks you,
Margo Pernick

Scott Jones

From: Naznin Aktar <naznin.nan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 6:31 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Opposing Senate bills 584-585

To Whom It May Concern,

I am very disappointed to be in a country that thinks carrying armed guns is a solution to protection. In order to live in a peaceful society we need to be united and we must condemn these horrific rules.

I oppose Senate bills 583-585!

Sincerely,
A citizen of the United States

Scott Jones

From: Justin Vieira <justin.vieira@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 6:45 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584, 585, 586

Sirs,

I am a resident of Wayne County, Michigan, and I oppose Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586.

Justin Vieira
295 E Ferry St
Detroit, MI 48202

Scott Jones

From: Dr. Scott Schneider <sschneide@ltu.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 6:49 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Cc: 'Scott Schneider'
Subject: I VEHEMENTLY *OPPOSE* the Senate Bills 584-586 !!!

Importance: High

I reject the idea that "more guns makes us safer" .. we have had more mass shootings than we have had days in this calendar year!!!!

There is no place for guns (concealed or not) in our schools and (???!!!!??) daycare centers!!!!

I oppose these bills with every gram of my reasonable and rational brain!

Dr. Scott Schneider
Associate Professor of Physics
Lawrence Technological University

Scott Jones

From: Ellen Levey <elevateconsulting@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 6:53 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: I oppose Senate bills 584-586

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: Lisa Bernard <latbernard@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 7:19 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: I OPPOSE Senate Bills 584-586

I strongly OPPOSE Senate Bills 584-586. I DO NOT want ANY concealed guns or other weapons allowed in our schools, daycares or hospitals under ANY circumstances. The last thing we need is weapons in these places. We don't need more school shootings. By allowing this I would feel unsafe sending my children to school. By introducing guns in these environments we are just asking for trouble. Guns have no purpose in these places. We need FEWER guns. Vote against these bills or I will vote against you EVERY chance I get. Do the right thing and keep our kids safe by keeping guns away from them.

Lisa Taffe

Scott Jones

From: Sandy Kurczewski <skurczewski@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 7:20 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

I OPPOSE both of these bills, especially in light of the mass shooting in Texas on Sunday.
More guns=more violence and murder of innocent people and children.
What is wrong with the Michigan senate, and the U.S. congress people?
Seems like they want us to kill each other and we're doing a darn good job of it.
How about focusing on keeping constituents safe and healthy?
I am disgusted.
Sandra Kurczewski
Chesterfield MI

Scott Jones

From: Jeannette Howes <1boy1grl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 7:55 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Oppose SB 584-586

I strongly oppose the above mentioned bills due to the recent mass shootings and do not want to put our children in unnecessarily harms way. Data has shown that the US has an abnormal amount of shootings, so why would we want to bring guns closer to our children in Mi? What is the purpose of that?

Jeannette Howes
Resident of Rochester Hills
Sent from my iPad

Scott Jones

From: Ryan Rodriguez <rrodrigu1@ltu.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 7:55 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

Dear Committee Clerk,

Upon reading the propositions of senate bills 584-584, I wish to share that I am firmly opposed to the stated bills and what they offer to the state of Michigan.

Thank you for your time.
Ryan Rodriguez

Ryan Rodriguez
Lab Assistant I Department of Natural Sciences
Secretary I Society of Physics Students I LTU Chapter
Lawrence Technological University

Scott Jones

From: Kellie Mackesy <kemackesy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 7:58 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

As a parent and teacher in Michigan, I am beyond disgusted that you ever think this was a good idea. In the last year the district I work in and the district my kids attend had to close down for a day because of a threat by a student. So the idea that you think it okay to let adults have the ability to walk into our schools with gun is beyond imaginable. What exactly is your justification for this insane idea? What could you possibly believe would be the benefit? Have you even talked to the teachers, administrators, or parents in the districts you represent? Have you talked to the teacher's unions? My bet is no, but you can bet that I will be making sure that all the local unions know and spread the shame of your bills. I oppose these bills and will do everything I can to ensure that they are never passed.

Kellie Mackesy

Parent of 3 school age children
Public School Teacher for 17 years

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Scott Jones

From: Mark A. Jay <mark@immersifi.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 8:21 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: OPPOSITION to Senate Bills 584-586

As a concerned citizen, I am begging you to reconsider Senate Bills 584-586. I am absolutely appalled by this action. You are buying into the NRA's rhetoric if you proceed with this.

The idea that the State of Michigan would a) allow anyone to carry anywhere, and b) not allow schools to have no oversight as to on-premises guns will only ensure that things will be made worse, not better.

I am BEGGING you to withdraw this and not open it up for debate.

Respectfully,

Mark Alan Jay
Ann Arbor, MI

Scott Jones

From: Jacqueline Cherry <sadows16@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 8:25 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate bills 584-586

I can't even believe I have to voice this concern, but any type of legislation that lifts current gun regulations or allows guns to find their way into any level of education building easier are highly offensive considering some of the recent events of mass shootings.

I spent most of my youth in rural Lapeer. My experiences there included hunting and skeet shooting with family and friends. I am not anti gun. I also realize we cannot stop some instances of gun violence, however, allowing people to carry concealed weapons weapons into places where many people are gathering - especially with so many young people in these places.

Please use conservative judgement when considering what we will allow and not allow in the midst of our children.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Cherry

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: johnroseconte13@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 8:32 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Oppose Senate bills 584 585 586

I oppose the senate bills 584 585 586.
No guns should be allowed in any schools!!!
Do not pass these bills.
Rose A. Conte

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: c <lunice9951@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 8:53 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB584 & 585

This is to express my extreme opposition to Senate Bills 584 and 585, not to mention my horror that these are being considered.

The last thing we need in bars, churches and especially SCHOOLS is people being allowed to carry guns! Are we now such a paranoid society that our only answer to gun violence is more and more guns?! How about pursuing better security measures? How about more identification and treatment of those who might turn to violence?

These bills must not pass!!

Lunice Clay
14482 Fairway Street
Livonia, MI 48154

Scott Jones

From: Wendy Pate <wpate@wideopenwest.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:07 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: I stand firmly opposed to SB 584-6

To whom it concerns in the Senate Government Operations Committee:

I stand firmly opposed to Senate Bills 584-6. Our schools are not the place for weapons, nor should they be used as an experiment in 2nd amendment rights advocates who do not support gun control. Teachers are not in the position to be trained to handle situations that put children at risk for violence. Teachers work side by side with groups of students and often multi-task in the classroom, so if the gun was to be found, or engaged, or taken from the teacher etc. this could lead to a violent act. we do not need others bringing them into our schools. The only person I feel safe in having a gun would be a trained police officer.

Thanks for your time:

Wendy Pate
Retired Teacher, Southgate Community Schools.

Scott Jones

From: Anne Wasilewski <wasilewsa@sgate.k12.mi.us>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:13 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Oppose Senate bills 584 585 586

Good evening Geoff Hansen, Mike Kowall, Jim Ananich, and Morris W Hood,

As a public school teacher I urge you to oppose Senate Bills 584, 585, & 586.

Us teachers do our best to keep 30+ sets of parents happy all year long. I can't even imagine how unsafe we all would feel if people were allowed to carry guns into our schools.

Nothing good comes from guns and when you invite guns into a situation where parents' emotions run high about their children anyway, you're asking for disaster.

I urge you to listen to the public. After so many mass shootings, please do something to limit access to unnecessary guns and oppose the above named bills. Do something to help keep people safe. Don't allow the NRA to buy people's lives!

Respectfully,
Anne Wasilewski
16 year tenured Michigan teacher

Scott Jones

From: Sharon Janot <sljanot@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:26 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584, 585, 586

Committee Clerk:

I completely oppose adoption of Senate Bills 584, 585 and 586. It is beyond time for responsible gun laws to be set in place in Michigan. Schools are no place for any type of lethal weapon. We need a return to common sense laws that regulate who can possess a gun and where they can be used. The free-for-all that currently exists sets the stage for the continued epidemic of gun deaths.

Sincerely,

Rev. Sharon Janot
Sljanot@aol.com

Scott Jones

From: Thomas Ford <fordhome2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:27 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Opposition to Senate Bills 584,585,586

I am writing to you to share my opposition to Senate Bills 584-585-586 with you. We have to stop the weaponization of every aspect of American life and you could help by doing all you can to defeat the passage of these bills.

Remember, if you outlaw guns only outlaws will accidentally shoot their children.

Thomas Ford
649 Adams St.
Owosso, MI 48867
989-723-5319
fordhome2@gmail.com

Scott Jones

From: Connie Thompson <conniethompson@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:37 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

I oppose Senate Bills 584-586 because allowing people to carry hidden, loaded handguns in our schools—despite opposition from school safety experts - is unnecessary and unsafe.

Constance Thompson
1018 N. Alexander Ave
Royal Oak MI 48067
conniethompson@mac.com
248-808-0458 Cell

Scott Jones

From: Paula Kirsch <pdkirsch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:48 PM
To: The Office of Senator Meekhof; Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-585, Senate Bill 586 I OPPOSE!

Regarding: Senate Bills 584-585: Would allow anyone with a concealed pistol license to concealed carry in schools, daycares and hospitals. The bills sponsors are Arlen Meekhof, Phil Pavlov, and Mike Shirkey.

Just say NO! Please! On what level does this make sense? Guns in preschools, daycares and classrooms? NO! Guns do not belong in schools or hospitals!

And this? Senate Bill 586: Would prohibit schools from regulating guns at all. Are you hoping everyone in Detroit will just kill each other? No this is not a good Idea!

Please vote NO!!! We do not want more guns in more places!

Paula Kirsch
21470 Whittington St.
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
248-767-8411

Scott Jones

From: Becky Klose <klose2u@ameritech.net>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:51 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

I am writing to tell you that I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE Senate Bills 584-586, which would allow guns in places where they have no business.

I am absolutely disgusted with those of you who even remotely think this is acceptable.

Please VOTE AGAINST THIS OBSCENE BILL!

Rebecca Klose
Portage MI

Scott Jones

From: Nicholas Britsky <nbritsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:55 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof; The Office of Senator Kowall; The Office of Senator Ananich; The Office of Senator Hood; The Office of Senator Hansen
Subject: Drop the Gun Bills - 584-586, 584-585, 586

Hi everyone -

I encourage you to drop the upcoming gun bills in the Senate; 584-586, 584-585 and 586. We do not need more guns in our schools. This serves no one but the NRA which is profiting off our children getting murdered. Please stop this. Think of kids and not money for your reelections.

Thank you,
Nick Britsky
Residence: 221 Baldwin, Royal Oak, MI, 48067

Scott Jones

From: Kris Swieringa <kriswieringa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:56 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-585: Senate Bills 586

Please let the sponsors of this bill. Arlen Meekhof, Geoff Hansen, Mike Kowall, Jim Ananich, and Morris W Hood know that I STRONGLY OPPOSE these bills. This will only lead to additional gun violence in our country.

Thank you

Kris Swieringa
4452 38th Street
Hamilton, MI 49419

Scott Jones

From: Jill Dunham <jill.dunham@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 9:58 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

Please, please OPPOSE these bills. Our school boards must retain the ability to decide what is best for our students in our community.

Please do not allow concealed carry on school property. Please, I am begging you.

Jill Dunham
1042 N Stoneridge Drive
Plainwell, MI 49080
269-685-2330
Trusted, Plainwell Community Schools

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Scott Jones

From: Tamara Zoner <tamaravellozzo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 10:15 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: OPPOSE Bills 584-586

Please, please, please, vote in opposition of any bills that would allow weapons into our schools and daycares and hospitals. The gun violence is out of control in this country and YOU have a responsibility to curb access and exposure, not to increase it.

Law-abiding gun owners are obviously not the problem... until they are. The looser the control, the more deaths and mass murders by guns that we see. Stop this NOW and vote against these disgusting bills. Come to your senses.

Regards,
Mother of three school-aged children

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Scott Jones

From: Mary Riegler <mcriegle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 10:25 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

I oppose these bills because there is not proven to make our schools and daycares safer.

Please do not allow guns in schools. And please do not take away a municipalities right to counter horrible legislation.

Mary C. Riegler
Ferndale, MI

Scott Jones

From: Connie Donovan <donovanconnie@att.net>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 10:47 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Defeat SB 584

As a retired teacher and school administrator I strongly urge the defeat of SB 584 to allow concealed weapons in schools and other weapon free zones. Please let our police officers do their job. We don't need militia in our schools

Constance Donovan
1836 Spring Lake Drive
Okemos MI 48864

Sent from my iPad

Scott Jones

From: Lindsey Rotary <lrotary99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 10:54 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Oppose Senate Bills 584, 585 and 586

Good evening, I'm writing this email to let you know that I strongly oppose senate bills 584, 585 and 586. As a mother of 4 school age children I think it is morally reprehensible that you are considering allowing concealed weapons in the classroom with our children. Allowing my children to go to school in this country where we have several mass shootings every month is scary enough without knowing that guns would be allowed in the buildings. Classrooms, preschools, daycares and hospitals are no place for concealed weapons.

Thank you,

Lindsey Rotary
52730 Sequoia Circle
Chesterfield, MI 48047

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: jessica guzman <guz33@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 10:55 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: Senate Bills 584, 585 & 586

Dear Senators,

I am writing in extreme opposition of Senate Bills 584-585 and 586.

Senate Bills 584-585: Would allow anyone with a concealed pistol license to concealed carry in schools, daycares and hospitals.

I am not ok with this!

Senate Bill 586: Would prohibit schools from regulating guns at all.

I am not ok with this!

We are living in a society that has an obscene fascination with protecting gun rights while mass shootings continue to occur at an increasingly alarming rate. A mass shooting occurred yesterday. A month ago it was Las Vegas. Before that, Orlando, San Bernardino and Charlottesville. Have we already forgotten Sandy Hook Elementary?

I urge you to pull this from the table.

I will not support these bills and encourage you to do the same.

Jessica Guzmán Dunn
Grosse Pointe Park, MI

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: Sonia Milton <skm779@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 11:01 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

I don't know who came up with these but I suggest you get your heads out of the sand and realize that you need more than a couple of yahoos who think a gun is the extension of a penis and the gun lobby, to keep you in office. I think you had better serve the people who put you in office and remember it could be one of your kids or grandkids in one of those daycares. That I need to address this with you is ludicrous...grow some and stand up for us.

Sonia Milton
Rochester Hills

Scott Jones

From: Christopher James Miller <cjmiller421@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 11:07 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof; The Office of Senator Shirkey; The Office of Senator Hansen; The Office of Senator Ananich; The Office of Senator Hood
Subject: Senate Bills 584,585,586

Gentlemen,

Please keep concealed guns out of our schools, hospitals, and bars. Please have it noted that I oppose this legislation in Senate Bills 584, 585, 586.

My thoughts and prayers are with you tomorrow while you debate to put the freedom/liberty of concealed gun carriers above the rights of my children to attend school without adults walking around with concealed guns.

Chris Miller
Royal Oak, MI

Scott Jones

From: michael.barbara.102 <michael.barbara.102@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 11:18 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: No weapons in schools!

That's the message: no guns in schools!!!!

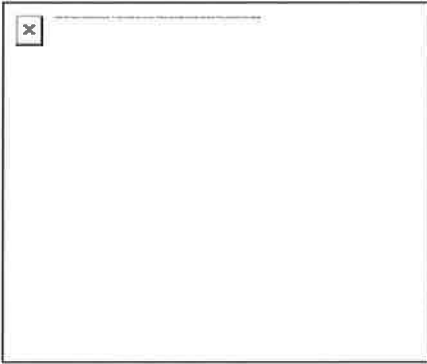
Barbara Michael

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Scott Jones

From: Monica Goble <monicagoble@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 11:23 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bill 584

As a medical care provider I'd ask why the Senate is aiming to loosen gun laws. Unless the Senators are bought and paid for by the NRA, this is exactly the wrong thing to do. How about honoring the lives and memories of the 33,000 individuals killed, with countless others injured every year in the US, not to mention suicide victims dying by a gun within easy reach? This type of legislation makes our country a even more dangerous place; it is the main reason we're experiencing one tragic event after another. The rest of the developed world is incredulous. Now is not the time to increase Michigan's weaponry. States with more guns have far more gun deaths, including police deaths. This legislation comes across as senseless and tone-deaf.



Monica Goble MD
East Lansing, MI

Scott Jones

From: Jasmin Cromwell <jasmin.cromwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:07 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bill 584-585

Attn: Committee Clerk

Please let this note serve as an opposition to the proposed Senate bills 584-585. The idea of people being allowed to carry a gun and especially a concealed weapon in a school, hospital or daycare is insane! And then the proposed bill 586 prohibiting schools from regulating guns at all, is more insane.

I am deeply OPPOSED to these bills with every fiber of my being. Enough is enough!

Jasmin Cromwell
37261 Maple Leaf Ct
Clinton Twp, MI 48036!

Scott Jones

From: Jennifer Howard <jenniferlynnehoward@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:52 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: No guns in schools!

Please keep guns out of schools and other gun-free zones!!! Allowing concealed guns will only increase the risk of guns being used. Please keep these areas gun free!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Howard
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Scott Jones

From: Sonya Lewis <sonya.a.lewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:32 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: No on SB 584

Re: Senate Bill 584

As a physician, a public health advocate, and the mother of two school age daughters, I am deeply distressed by SB 584 which would make it lawful for individuals to carry concealed, fully loaded guns into schools and other currently prohibited places. We have all been shaken by the horrific tragedies of Sutherland Springs, Las Vegas, Orlando, Newtown, Virginia Tech, Charleston, Aurora, Isla Vista, etc. Tragically, I could easily fill paragraphs of this testimony simply listing the nauseating number of mass shootings that have taken place in this country. With 33,000 people killed per year and over twice as many injured by gun violence, we have become a nation at war with itself, victims of a public health crisis that is both terrifying and entirely preventable.

When I kiss my daughters goodbye before school, no matter how stressful the morning has been, I always say, "I love you" before parting. I say this to them because I want them to know they are treasured and valued. I also say it because every single day I fear that today may be the day that my children will experience *their* Columbine or *their* Sandy Hook. If today happens to be that day, I need to know that the last words my children have heard from me are an affirmation of my undying love for them. This is what it's like to be a modern day American mother.

More guns in more places do not make us safer. In fact, quite the opposite is true. American gun violence is a public health crisis, and must be dealt with through prevention and reduction of risk. To do this, we must minimize exposure to agents of potential harm. Guns are machines designed to kill people when they are used correctly. Agents of death have no role in schools, in public buildings, or public spaces.

Proponents of this bill may argue that it allows for the circumvention of the "open carry loophole" that has been the subject of much debate and controversy in our communities. This argument is illogical, as a gun's purpose remains the same whether it is carried openly or hidden. Out of sight is not out of mind and out of sight certainly does not eliminate danger. Safety can only be assured when guns are absent from the environment.

SB 584 is exactly the wrong approach to addressing gun violence in Michigan. By allowing the concealed carry of guns in previously prohibited public places, SB 584 will put our children, our families, and our communities at unacceptably high risk. It is an illogical approach to a statewide and national public health crisis that demands sensible solutions that prioritize health over politics, and safety over the allure of the gun lobby's shameful blood money.

Please vote NO on Senate Bill 584.

Sincerely,

Sonya Lewis, MD, MPH

Ann Arbor, MI

Physicians for the Prevention of Gun Violence, Executive Committee Member

Scott Jones

From: Maureen Hicks <mhicks928@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:54 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Concealed carry

I am in favor of maintaining the current gun free zones, especially in schools. Where guns are present, things happen. As people become more and more frustrated with the disappearance of the middle class, and the inability of wages to keep pace with inflation, tempers are shorter and anger just below the surface. Having a gun handy allows the possibility of someone losing control. A difference of opinion becomes an argument which easily escalates and can become a gun fight. Innocent people die.

President Trump has rolled back previous policy regarding restrictions for people with mental illness to obtain weapons, thus putting weapons in dangerous hands. Michigan must maintain the gun free zones and not create hidden danger for our children.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: lisa eddy <lisagay.eddy1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 4:34 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: GUNS

Arlen Meekhof, Geoff Hansen, Mike Kowall, Jim Ananich, and Morris W Hood:

As a teacher and a human being, I am writing to OPPOSE the following bills:

Senate Bills 584-586, which would allow pistols in preschools, daycares and classrooms.

Senate Bills 584-585: which would allow anyone with a concealed pistol license to concealed carry in schools, daycares and hospitals.

Senate Bill 586: Would prohibit schools from regulating guns at all.

YOU WILL CAUSE MORE DEATHS WITH THESE BILLS. BLOOD WILL BE ON YOUR HEAD.

DO NOT PASS THESE BILLS. ANYONE WHO THINKS THAT WE NEED MORE GUNS IN SOCIETY IS COMPLETELY WRONGHEADED.

WE NEED GUN REGULATION NOW!!!

lisa eddy, Adrian, MI

Scott Jones

From: Lynne Best <lbest96@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 5:40 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: NO GUNS

I am 100% vehemently opposed to allowing weapons of any kind into our schools. What exactly are you trying to accomplish with this? Vote NO for our children. This is reprehensible.

Lynne Best
48236

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: Molly <molly.mcguire75@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 5:58 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Opposition to 584-586

Hello

I am a resident of 48230 and I am writing to state that I strongly oppose the proposed bills 584,585 and 586.

Thank you for your time
Molly Koprulu

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: Diana Noone <crlgrl@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 6:07 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: OPPOSED TO Senate Bills 584-585

The very idea the ANY elected official thinks that this two pieces of legislation are a good idea; speaks to how much we as voters need to pay attention and CLEAN UP Lansing!!!

Parents have enough to deal with and worry about when they drop their children off at school or daycare.
WE NEED MORE GUN REGULATION, NOT LESS!

-and victims of the violence don't need your meaningless "thoughts and prayers"; they need action on thoughtful, common sense gun control!

Matt and Diana Noone
1080 Sheffield Park Lane
Oakland, Mi 48363

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: Debbi McCracken <da.mccracken60@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 6:47 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 586

I am writing to voice my concerns over Senate Bill 586. More guns is not the answer, we need sensible gun laws, stronger background checks, and better mental health services here in Michigan. I strongly oppose this bill, guns have no place in our hospitals, schools, and day cares to name of few. Why don't you work on meaningful legislation that would actually benefit the residents of the state of Michigan instead of pandering to organizations like the NRA? Turning Michigan into the wild west will solve nothing, it will only serve to create more problems, and cause more injuries and death. The citizens of Michigan should not have to arm themselves when we worship, go to the movies, concerts, school, or any other of our normal activities. Australia proved that in 1996 when they banned assault rifles after a mass shooting, they haven't had one since.

Assault rifles have no place in the hands of anyone other than the military, they serve no purpose except to kill human beings. Have you ever seen what a body looks like after being shot up with an assault rifle? Well as an ER nurse I have, it's a image that I will never get out of my head, I just compartmentalize it and try and go on with my life. I shouldn't have to do that.

The people in Columbine, Aurora, Newtown, San Bernadino, Charleston, Las Vegas, & most recently Sutherland Springs shouldn't have to be mourning and burying their loved ones, but here we are again. It's obvious that the gun laws that we have do not work, and it doesn't help that the Federal Government has gutted the ATF's budget to enforce those laws. I am sick and tired of our elected officials ignoring your constituents, the vast majority of citizens support common sense gun legislation.

I have to be licensed by the States of MI & IL where I carry a nursing license, I also had to pass an FBI background check in order to obtain my IL nursing license. I didn't feel that having to undergo a background check violated my rights one little bit, I have nothing to hide, and the patient's that I deal with have the right to feel confident that I'm not some lunatic with a nursing license that could potentially cause harm to any of my patients.

All this legislation does is play to people's fears, it will do absolutely nothing to keep the citizens of Michigan safe. I am urging you to vote no on SB 586, and work together in a bi-partisan fashion to come up with common sense gun laws that will preserve the rights of responsible gun owners to own and use a gun, but at the same time make it harder for people that shouldn't have access to guns to purchase one. Close the loopholes so people can't just walk into a gun show and purchase a gun and walk out the door. Put real money back into mental health services here in Michigan, mental health services are basically non-existent here in Michigan, work to make our state safe by banning assault rifles.

Best regards,

Debbi McCracken, BSN, RN
Sterling Hts., MI

Scott Jones

From: Emily Everett <emlyeverett@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 6:50 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: no guns in schools!

How many more mass shooting do we need to realize more guns aren't the answer? Especially in schools and day care centers, where our kids would be at much greater risk. Please no!

Emily Everett
2009 Roslyn Road
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Scott Jones

From: Kristen Beesley <drbeesley@insighttherapeutics.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 7:18 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Oppose senate bills 584-586

Please please do not pass these bills.

The health and safety of our citizens, especially our children is at stake.

Sent from my iPhone; please excuse brevity and typos.

Scott Jones

From: Kathleen Downing <kbdowning@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 7:33 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Concealed Pistols Bill

Dear comittee members Arlen Meekhof, Geoff Hansen, Mike Kowall, Jim Ananich, and Morris W Hood,

Do not allow anyone with a concealed pistol license to concealed carry in schools, daycares and hospitals. These are not places that people should be allowed to have guns that are hidden. This does not preclude proper authorities from guarding these places and it is a dangerous opportunity for others to do harm. Please do NOT vote for any bill that would allow this.

Thank you,
Kathleen Downing
Lower Elementary ASD Teacher
Troy, Michigan

Scott Jones

From: George Hoffman <gcvarmint@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 7:51 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 584-586

Committee Chair & Members:

This email is to express my opposition to SB 584-586 being taken up at 2:00 p.m. today in the State Government Operations committee. These bills pose a threat to the safety of our children and should not be allowed.

Thank you,
Carol Hoffman
10897 Doster Rd
Plainwell, MI 49080

Scott Jones

From: Lauri French <lauri1952@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 7:52 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 584-586

Please advise the Government Operations Committee members that I **strongly** object to the package of bills, **SB 584-586**, especially SB 586 which takes away local government control and would allow concealed weapons in places such as schools. How are educators supposed to discern what the intention is of a person entering their school with a weapon? How would they know whether to put the school on lockdown and call 911 or just to ignore it because it's just a parent who has a concealed carry permit (and how would they know that?).

These are bad bills that should not see the light of day, let alone be voted on in the full Senate. Please vote no. Thank you.

Lauri French
9770 N. Rushton Rd.
South Lyon, MI 48178-8849

Scott Jones

From: Kathy <angelhugger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 7:54 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Cc: senAMeekhof@michigan.gov
Subject: Senate Bill 584-5

Dear Senators:

I am writing to vehemently oppose Senate Bills 584-65 regarding loosening restrictions for gun carry in schools, day care centers, stadiums, bars.

There is no logical reason or benefit to this malaligned proposal. It serves no one except the NRA and feeds into fear, plain and simple.

Given the recent publicized shootings in this country, we insist that our legislators tighten gun laws, insist on mandatory background checks and better mental health controls.

Our children, as well as all citizens of this state, deserve better than what this bill offers.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lohr
24833 Murray Street
Harrison Twp, Mi 48045

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When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace. Jimi Hendrix

Scott Jones

From: K Shall <kayrayshall@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 7:57 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: NO on gun bill

We strongly oppose the new gun bill you are attempting to push through today! Guns have no place in our schools, hospitals, etc.

Kara and Scott Shall
323-330-0795
Grosse Pointe, MI

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: Emilie Oswald MacAulay <ecoswald36@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:03 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: OPPOSE: Senate Bills 584, 585 + 586 !!!

Dear Arlen Meekhof, Geoff Hansen, Mike Kowall, Jim Ananich, and Morris W Hood ---

I, Emilie Macaulay, mother of two young children, am writing to express my strong oppositon to Sentate Bills 584-586. I implore you to vote against them.

In no way should anyone in Michigan be allowed to carry a pistol in preschools, daycares and classrooms. We do not need more guns or more gun-friendly laws. I also strongly believe that schools should be able to prohibit guns. This is a no-brainer.

Sincerely,
Emilie MacAulay
Ferndale, Michigan

Scott Jones

From: Orringer, Kelly <korringe@med.umich.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:05 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 584

I am writing to voice my most sincere and strong opposition to this bill. It will permit conceal carry in many public places including schools, where there would be increased risk of massive casualties to have people carrying firearms. There is clear and overwhelming evidence that the more guns in a community the more accidental and intentional deaths, whether by suicide or homicide. Schools and libraries should be safe from this risk. Legislators who vote to support this bill will be responsible when (not if, when) someone gets angry in a schoolyard and opens fire on the pupils. Is another Sandy Hook or Columbine really what Michigan citizens want? NO it is definitely not.

I urge all of our state representatives to VOTE NO on this absurd and extremely dangerous bill.

*Kelly Orringer MD
Harvard Medical School '94
Concerned citizen, pediatrician, parent*

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Scott Jones

From: phyllis herzig <phyllisherzig41@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:07 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: gun control

Please do not permit guns at our schools and other gun-free areas. Protect our citizens by voting against SB584.
Thank you very much.
Phyllis Herzig

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Phyllis Herzig
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Ann Arbor MI 48105
734.662.3411

Scott Jones

From: creecher12@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:14 AM
To: OfcSMCC@senate.michigan.gov.
Subject: Guns in Schools

Please shelve the bill to allow guns in schools. I am a retired teacher, and I always let my elementary students know that they were safe. Having an upset parent come storming in with a gun, would be a travesty. The idea of parent-teacher conferences just came to my mind. Do you think I could be honest with a parent about a struggling child if I suspected they were packing? There are so many reasons having guns in school is criminal. I can't even.

Sincerely,
Nancy Creech

Scott Jones

From: Laura Burns <burns.laurac@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:20 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Oppose 584-586!!!

I am a parent of three. I strongly oppose bills 584-586. In fact, should they pass, I will strongly consider LEAVING the state! This is dangerous!

If you're going to suggest that teachers conceal carry firearms in schools in order to maintain student safety, please consider the following points:

- What percentage of teachers would actually be interested in such a program?
- What percentage of teachers participating would be necessary to keep all students safe?
- If the ability to conceal carry is voluntary, how many teachers would be willing to take on the burden of cost for the firearm and the continual training?
- If the individual does not have to take on the financial burden, who does?
- How much initial and continuing active shooter training would a teacher have to take on given that a worst case scenario would include innocent bystanders in every direction?
- Do you still want teachers to provide students with great lessons? If so, how do you propose that those individuals maintain the high level of instruction and simultaneously be equipped mentally and physically to eliminate a threat?
- Who would regulate and track that training to make sure that individuals are prepared at any moment to eliminate a threat?
- What would be the cost of maintaining records for tracking such a program?
- How would a teacher truly conceal carry during a school day when 20+, 30+, or 40+ eyes are constantly on them while also maintaining professional dress?
- Would such a program increase the number of gun incidents, as the number of weapons present in the environment increases and the possibility of several students overpowering a teacher who is carrying now exists?
- How would you address the fact that all of the students know all of the procedures in place during a lockdown threat as it is practiced throughout each school year like fire and tornado drills?
- What are the potential impacts of introducing dangerous weapons into the school environment given the high-stakes, high stress environment present in schools today?
- What happens if/when a teacher "snaps" due to the very high-stress environment of that career currently in place? When one teacher is eliminating a threat from another teacher, who is the "bad guy" and how would law enforcement or anyone else be able to tell?
- How do increased weapons contribute to a loving, welcoming, comfortable learning environment?

If you can't answer ALL of the previous points, you should stop making suggestions about what happens in schools.

Instead I propose a much simpler solution:

Properly fund schools to provide the many resources necessary to encourage the development of well-rounded individuals.

- Get rid of the high stakes atmosphere so that schools can once again become a place for creativity and exploration.
- Provide arts and extracurricular opportunities to mold happy children.
- Provide students with tools to deal with emotional adversity.
- Support low class sizes so that teachers have the ability to get to know their students on a personal level and form meaningful bonds that allow for greater learning opportunities.
- Allow for the presence of counselors, school psychologists, speech pathologists, and special education faculty so that the greater needs of some students are met.

-Minimally, allow local districts to make this choice!

If you absolutely insist upon the continuation and escalation of the violent society that we have created, properly fund schools so that armed security, whose sole job is protection from threats, and who are put through extensive training, are present on school grounds.

Please, don not pass the bills!

Sincerely,
Laura Burns

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: Amy Peterson <amy.peterson@foremost.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:21 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: Please oppose Senate bills 584-586

Please oppose this legislation (senate bills 584-586) that would make our daycares, schools and hospitals less safe with allowing people to carry weapons into these places and make it impossible for schools to regulate guns at all.

Thank you,

*Amy Peterson
Sr. Communications Specialist
Marketing Communications
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Scott Jones

From: Lois Furry <furry@uadv.msu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:34 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Cc: The Office of Senator Hertel
Subject: SB 584

I am deeply concerned to learn that SB 584 is being brought up in committee today less than 36 hours after 27 people were murdered and another 20 injured in a house of worship in Texas.

SB 584 will allow hidden, loaded weapons in Michigan schools as well as in other currently weapons free zones. I do not want self-deputized vigilantes in schools. Concealed carry weapons increase the risk that everyday disagreements—such as a child not getting the grade a parent wanted—will escalate into shootouts. More people carrying hidden, loaded guns escalate the chances of both intentional and accidental shootings of innocent victims and will not prevent mass shootings.

I wonder if you plan to introduce a bill that would allow concealed carry weapons in your legislative facilities? If not—and I certainly hope not—why would you consider it for schools? Isn't the safety of school children as important as your own safety?

What is needed is sensible legislation to prevent gun violence. More guns in more places is a tired argument that has been proven wrong in every other civilized country.

Please stop allowing the powerful and rich gun lobby to manipulate us. This is just another means for selling more guns. Enough is enough. Please say no.

Sincerely, Lois Furry

3830 Kirkland Ridge Drive
Holt, MI 48842

Scott Jones

From: Carmen Leskoviansky <ctrac87@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:38 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

Good morning,

I am writing to you today to ask you to oppose SB 584-586 which would expand where concealed weapons may be carried and stop schools from regulating guns. Studies have shown that more guns = more gun violence and death.

Thank you,

Carmen Leskoviansky

Scott Jones

From: Kristin Pingree <kristinpingree@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:47 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 584

Members of the Government Operations Committee:

My name is Kristin Pingree, and I am a resident of Troy. My father spent his entire career as a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff and is a retired colonel in the US Army Reserves. He taught me to respect the lethal power of owning a firearm and always act with utmost safety. My husband is a responsible gun owner who grew up in Utah and knows the ins and outs of firearms and firearms safety.

It is precisely because we understand the deadly potential of firearms and the weighty responsibility that comes with gun ownership that we fiercely oppose SB 584. Concealed firearms have no place in our churches, schools, hospitals and other sensitive areas. While the media may be focused on the latest mass shooting in Texas, it is far more likely that a purported good guy with a concealed weapon fires his gun when he originally had no intention of doing so. In sensitive areas like hospitals, where family members often receive heartbreaking news, or schools, where a parent might have a disagreement with administration, the consequences could be absolutely disastrous.

Furthermore, allowing teachers and staff to keep weapons in the school would almost certainly result in a young child eventually finding said gun. It's not a matter of if; it's a matter of when. Accidents happen every day, usually on account of a person who thought s/he was a more responsible gun owner than s/he actually was.

PLEASE oppose SB 584, and keep guns out of our schools!

Sincerely,
Kristin and Dan Pingree
2597 Red Fox Trail Drive
Troy, MI 48098

Scott Jones

From: Stephanie Herriman <herriman512@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Bills 584-586

I am writing to OPPPOSE bills 584-586. As a parent of two children in school, and as a teacher, I do not believe that guns have any place in schools. As we can see by recent events, there are several holes in the gun laws, and one error of not reporting a crime can lead to devastating consequences. I have a right to feel that my children are safe in schools, which should remain GUN FREE.

Stephanie Herriman
1204 McGregor
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Scott Jones

From: Tecla Pearl <sweenetp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 9:06 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Reject SB 584

Dear Senator,

As a Michigan resident concerned with the safety of my family and friends, I am extremely worried by the advancement of radical gun bill SB 584.

SB 584 is dangerous legislation that would let people carry hidden, loaded handguns into elementary, middle, and high schools, college classrooms and dormitories, sports arenas, bars, and other sensitive locations throughout the state. Lawmakers should put the safety of their communities first and reject the gun lobby's dangerous "guns everywhere" agenda in Michigan.

Passing this legislation would put our students and our communities at unnecessary risk of gun violence. I strongly urge you to oppose SB 584 and protect Michiganders.

Sincerely,

Tecla Wolfe

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: whartl@att.net
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 9:34 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Cc: The Office of Senator Horn
Subject: SB 584, 585, 586

These Bills are totally unacceptable.

They must be rejected.

William J Hartl
6632 Woodview Dr N,
Saginaw, MI 48603

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: Janelle Witting <janellewitting@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 9:40 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

I am writing in STRONG OPPOSITION to the allowance of pistols in daycares, schools, and hospitals. In particular, concealed carry poses a huge threat to the safety of not only my child, but everyone on the premises.

The "only a good guy with a gun can stop a bad guy with a gun" logic is deeply flawed and would only results in more bloodshed.

If you must, allow individual businesses to choose these limitations. Your "right" to carry a gun should not threaten mine or my child's right to live.

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Janelle Witting
Sterling Heights, MI

Scott Jones

From: Kaitlin Popielarz <KPopielarz@wayne.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 9:53 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Cc: The Office of Senator Shirkey; The Office of Senator Meekhof; SenPavlov
Subject: Michigan Senate Bills 584-586

Good morning,

My name is Kaitlin Popielarz. I am a PhD student and teacher educator at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. As a Michigan educator and citizen, I strongly oppose Michigan Senate Bills 584-586. [Mass shootings occur, on average, nearly every day in the United States](#). Often times, mass shootings impact our most vulnerable citizens. As a state, and as a nation, we must work together to create safe and inclusive environments and communities that benefit the common good. Allowing pistols/guns in day cares, preschools, and classrooms is not what is in the best interest of our students or teachers.

For many children, guns/pistols symbolize terror and anxiety. [There are children who come from abusive homes where guns/pistols are used to provoke fear, dominance, and violence](#). When children come to school, they must feel safe, respected, and cared for. By allowing guns/pistols into learning environments, we are telling children that we do not care about their holistic well being.

As a state and as a nation, we must rethink gun control reform. Rather than loosen gun legislation in the state of Michigan, we must work to ensure that guns/pistols are only used after common sense gun laws and procedures are put in place. If we allow guns/pistols in schools, we are encouraging an increase of homicide, suicide, and gun violence. [Evidence does in fact show that when guns/pistols are allowed in learning environments, crime rates do go up](#). As such, we must encourage gun free schools and gun free zones in order to ensure that all children and community members are safe.

As an educator, my priority is always the safety and well being of my students. Unfortunately, there have been instances in which a student of mine has brought a weapon into school. These students were immediately expelled and some have even faced court hearings. Personally, these have been some of my worst days as a human being and an educator. Students know that bringing weapons into school is dangerous and unsafe, which is why they face harsh punishment if they bring a gun/pistol into learning environments. Furthermore, students have even sought counseling in the schools I have taught in after a gun/pistol has been brought into the learning environment. If we allow guns/pistols in daycares, preschools, and classrooms, what will this signal to students? What will happen to the mental health of our students who need safety and security? What horrific events might take place? As an educator and citizen, I am not willing to take that chance.

Senators, I implore you to think of the greater good in regards to common sense gun legislation. Please work with your colleagues and constituents who, the majority of which, [favor common sense gun law reform](#). Let's work together to make our state and nation safer for our collective whole.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,

Kaitlin Popielarz, M.A.
Clinical Instructional Coach
PhD Student, K - 12 Curriculum and Instruction
Wayne State University

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Jamie Sperti <spertij@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:28 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Opposition to bill 584-586

Dear Committee Members,

I am the parent of two young children, one preschool, and one ready to start. In addition, I am a former teacher. In the strongest possible terms, I oppose bills 584-586. In fact, should they pass, I will strongly consider LEAVING the state! This is dangerous!

If you're going to suggest that teachers conceal carry firearms in schools in order to maintain student safety, please consider the following points:

- What percentage of teachers would actually be interested in such a program?
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- Minimally, allow local districts to make this choice!

If you absolutely insist upon the continuation and escalation of the violent society that we have created, properly fund schools so that armed security, whose sole job is protection from threats, and who are put through extensive training, are present on school grounds.

Please, do not pass the bills!

Sincerely,
Jamie Sperti

Scott Jones

From: Kristen Gustafson <kristeng@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 9:55 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bill 584

Dear Committee Clerk,

I urge you to stand against bill 584.

The efforts of our government and the people need to be toward solving the gun crisis, not further feeding it. Guns kill and rarely protect.

My children don't go to homes where there are guns, they most certainly will not attend schools where there are such.

Sincerely,

Kristen Gustafson
Ferndale, MI

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Scott Jones

From: Irene Onderchanin <onderchi@trinity-health.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:05 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: Please don't allow Bills 584, 585, 586

Dear Senator Meekhof and Committee Clerk,

Regarding Senate Bills 584, 585 and 586 which are to be taken up at 2p on Tuesday, November 7th, 2017, by your Senate Government Operations Committee: I am a state citizen, taxpayer, parent, healthcare worker, and mourner over the unnecessary loss of lives our country has experienced by gunfire.

Please do not add to the problem by allowing these bills to proceed. It is only a matter of time where more harm comes from them than does good.

Surely you do not want your legacy to be the blood of innocent children, frail medical patients, dedicated healthcare workers, educators, and citizens to be on your hands.

I advocate for our safety. Please work to shut these bills down today.

Thank you.
Respectfully,
Irene Onderchanin
resident of Howell, Michigan

Irene Onderchanin
Performance Excellence at System Office
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Scott Jones

From: Gundrum, Olivia Grace <gundrumo@msu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 584

Hello,

My name is Olivia Gundrum and I am a freshman at Michigan State University. This afternoon, you will be voting on SB 584- which would allow hidden, loaded guns in schools and other weapon-free zones. I oppose this legislation as a student and a future educator. I grew up in public schools and plan on teaching in them after graduation. Increasing guns and access to guns creates a hostile learning environment, but more importantly, is likely to result in accidental shootings, or gun violence where there may have previously just been a verbal disagreement. Let's not run the risk of losing more lives due to senseless gun laws.

Sincerely,

Olivia Gundrum

Scott Jones

From: Colin Moulder-McComb <colin.mccomb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Opposition to Senate Bills 584-586

Hi. As a registered voter, taxpayer, and concerned parent of Michigan, I have to ask:

What the hell are the sponsors of this legislation thinking? Adding more guns to the mix - and to schools, no less! - is not a recipe for safety. Saying that "a good guy with a gun will stop a bad guy" flies in the face of all the evidence. Even the church shooter in Sutherland Springs was able to kill more than two dozen people before being shot.

This package of bills is not preventative. It is a path to disaster.

Sincerely,

Colin Moulder-McComb
Grosse Pointe Park

Scott Jones

From: Theresa Mitchell <resemitch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:05 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: OPPOSE Senate Bills 584-585-586!!!!!!

OPPOSE Senate Bills 584-585-586!!!!!!

Sincerely,
Theresa Mitchell
25550 Sun Sail Ct
Harrison Twp., MI
48045

Scott Jones

From: Nancy Shank <nshank@wildblue.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:22 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584, 585, 586

I am a retired teacher who spent 32 years in the elementary. I am appalled that you would consider permitting anyone to carry a gun into schools. Looking at our resent history of attacks in schools and churches Should be a wake up call. That call is to keep guns and any other weapons out of the place where our children have the right to feel safe. One teacher dying to save her children at school should never happen again in our country.
Please share with all committee members.

Nancy Shank
8530 Dustin Lane
East Jordan, Mi 49727

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: Sue Cortese <scortese7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: proposed Senate Bills 584, 585 and 586

I am writing to express my deepest consider over passing these proposed bills. Adding more guns to the gun crisis will not solve mass shootings. Putting random guns into places where people are most vulnerable will not solve the problem. Lets start looking for real solutions. Please pass on my extreme opposition to this bill.

Sue

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Scott Jones

From: Kristy Fairfax <kconstan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: Senate bills 584, 585, 586

I OPPOSE Senate bills 584 through 586. I am frankly disgusted that the Michigan State legislature would choose the financial benefit of gun manufacturers and appease the NRA over the protection of our children and care givers. Allowing guns in preschools, hospitals, and many other places they don't belong is insane. Have you it any if these legislators evening considering the passage if this bill ever been around a preschooler? They get into everything and are sure to find a gun in their school. As it is, more preschoolers are killed by guns annually than police officers. Don't increase that number. Also, as a parent there is no way I would send my child to a school where fire arms are allowed. I want this choice to remain so please not pass SB 586. Isn't the Republican party about personal freedom. Allow me the freedom to choose safety for mychild. Also, how do you propose a teacher or parent charged with the safety of our children are supposed to distinguish a "good" gun carrier versus a bad one. How do I know that teacher with a gun won't get mad at my child and shoot him? How do I know that parent dropping their child off with a gun in hand isn't an estranged ex-spouse looking to kill their former partner, or a child or just kill in general? Michigan, get it together and look at the data in the danger is guns. More guns equal more deaths.

Kristen Fairfax

Scott Jones

From: Wendy Shepherd <wshepherd@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Written testimony regarding SB 584

To the Clerk of Government Operations and members of the Government Operations Committee:

Please enter the following as my written testimony in opposition of SB 584, as I am not able to take the day off of work to come to Lansing to personally testify.

To the Government Operations Committee:

I am a mother, a wife, a grandmother, and a voter. I have been a teacher, a child care professional, and a child care center director at various points in my life. I have been a consumer of public education for myself and my children, and a consumer of professional child care services for my children and now grandson. Currently I am the Executive Director of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Mittens for Detroit. And I am appalled.

I am strongly in opposition to SB 584. It is barely imaginable that in the shadows of the Las Vegas and the church shootings in Texas, that the Senate would even consider making more people - particularly children - vulnerable by allowing hidden, loaded weapons in schools, child care centers and other currently weapons-free zones. It makes no sense to increase the likelihood of intentional or unintentional shootings in these areas that are supposed to be violence-free.

Concealed or openly carried weapons do not make things safer - not for anyone. A gun's purpose is to shoot a piece of metal at incredible speed into something else. In far too many instances, it's not harmless target practice or legal and licensed hunting of animals. These pieces of metal are directed into the bodies of people. Sometimes the guns are used in defense, but more often they are used to kill others in a dispute or who just happened to be in the wrong place at the right time. This is not about the right to bear arms. This is about the right to be safe. I am wondering what the teachers at the schools and centers (who are primarily women) think about this proposed and unsafe law.

In many communities where this kind of law has been passed, the schools' increased liability and likelihood of injury or death has made the schools and centers uninsurable. Has this been factored into the bill?

Where are the local public hearings for such an important bill? Just Lansing? What about the cities outside of Lansing? This bill would change the safety in all schools and weapons free zones. I wish there had been hearings in Metro Detroit. Who is behind this bill? Are the school districts behind this? Is losing their insurance okay with them?

In closing, I must add that I am angry that SB 584 is being brought up at such a dangerous time in our society. Where are we safe? Can we go for a bike ride, like in New York? Can we go to a house of worship, like in Texas? How about a movie theatre? How about walking down the street? How about a mall or a restaurant? Who is safe anymore? SB 584 will only bring danger into weapons free zones - not safety. Especially where our most vulnerable children are - innocent babies, toddlers, preschools, and students - none of which will be carrying, so none of which will be able to defend his- or herself. I wonder how much the gun lobby is paying for this bill. And I wonder what has happened to my state, Michigan.

With respect,

Wendy Shepherd

Scott Jones

From: Lynn Dils <ldideals@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB584

Dear Clerk:

I am shaking my head in absolute disgust over SB584... Bring up SB 584 in committee less than 36 hours after 27 people were murdered and another 20 injured in a house of worship?

This bill should NEVER become law and if it should then we know that our government is totally dysfunctional in being for the people, by the people, of the people. How many will keep selling their souls for the payout from the NRA at the expense of our innocent citizens, children, women and men. Oh the hypocrisy of the party who believes in protecting life... lip service for the masses.

I ask you for the sake of our Nation and our great state of Michigan, DO NOT allow this bill to slip by and get approved.

Sincerely,

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Scott Jones

From: Patricia Stark <patastark@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Cc: The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: Senate Bill 584-586 Committee Clerk

As a retired teacher, mother and grandmother, I OPPOSE Senate Bill 584-586 allowing concealed carry in schools !!!
Thank you Patricia Stark

Scott Jones

From: David Green <dmgreen.home@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 584-585

Sir/Madame:

In brief, I strongly oppose taking action on guns at this time, especially taking away a school's ability to regulate the presence of firearms on their campuses.

It is madness to continue to have firearms proliferating and pervading every aspect of life in this country and state. Let's take some time to consider all options rather than making a reflexive change in our laws.

If, as the administration tells us, it is too early to even talk about "gun control", then it is certainly not the time to loosen the last few restrictions on the tools of mass murder.

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Scott Jones

From: Kelly Farrah <kellyfarrah@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-585-585

To the Committee Clerk,

I strongly OPPOSE Senate Bills 584-585-586. My daughter attends a public high school, my husband teaches at a community college, and I am a local library board member. Allowing concealed weapons in schools (and hospitals and day care centers) will put students at great risk. I don't have the solution to stopping gun violence but I do know that putting more guns into our schools is not the answer. Preempting local governments (586) from regulating guns in schools and libraries seems to be more of a politically-motivated tactic by the gun lobby instead of a research-based approach to ending the horrific gun violence that we see every day.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Regards,
Kelly Farrah

Scott Jones

From: Roland Randi <randiar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Oppose bills 584-586 and 584-585 and 586

Do not allow guns into out preschools, daycares, schools, classrooms and hospitals. Keep guns out of places with children.

I OPPOSE Senate bills: 584-586, 584-585, and 586.

Randi Fried
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Scott Jones

From: Beth Robertson <robertsonfamily2001@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: I oppose bills 584, 585, and 586

As a parent of two school aged children in Michigan , i do not want concealed weapons in our schools. I also do not want schools to have zero choice as to whether weapons are allowed.

The freedoms of the 2nd amendment should not infringe upon my children's safety nor the safety of their teachers to teach them.

Just as schools are considered drug-free zones for our kids safety, so should they be gun-free zones.

Sent from my iPhone

Scott Jones

From: Molly Bolton <boltonmi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 11:16 AM
To: The Office of Senator Meekhof; Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Opposition Bills 584-585, 586

I am writing as a concerned constituent. I'm writing to let you know of my strong opposition to bills 584-585, and 586. I am a mother of four children and an emergency department physician. Guns have no place in the classroom, in our schools or in a hospital setting. I currently work in Flint, MI and already am at risk of personal violence from patients and family members daily, but at least I know they are not carrying guns in our patient care areas. I have been assaulted and witnessed assaults in my work place that thankfully have resulted in only minor injuries. These would have been deadly encounters if guns were allowed in our department. I cannot imagine willingly allowing fire arms to be carried in these settings. In light of multiple recent mass shootings involving legally obtained firearms in our country I feel that we must work to enact sensible gun laws and not Deregulate guns. While I understand that many people feel that guns are not the problem, there is a clear correlation between the United States' lax gun laws and are high rates of gun violence. Please consider for the safety of our children, and our healthcare employees and vote against these bills. They are not common sense nor are they in the best interest of our children, patients, physicians, nurses, or teachers.

The right to bear arms was meant to allow people to protect themselves from a tyrannical government, not to threaten the safety of our most vulnerable populations and public servants.

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Scott Jones

From: Dawn Riddle <riddledf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Bills 584-585

It is impossible to state strongly enough how deeply I am concerned about the presentation of bills 584 & 585. Dear Lord, please do something to protect us from the many massacres from gun violence. It is insane to approve the carrying of weapons in school, hospitals, churches daycares. You can take action to help prevent much of this. Where in God's name is your conscience?

Please begin to take action to protect the public and not your connections and servitude to the NRA.

Dawn Riddle riddledf@yahoo.com

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Colleen Mestdagh <colleenmestdagh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: VOTE NO

I urge you to protect young citizens and the teachers/providers that ensure their safety on a daily basis and vote NO on Bills 584-586 today, which would allow pistols in preschools, day cares and classrooms. These bills are absolutely putting citizens at risk.

Colleen Mestdagh

Scott Jones

From: Robert Burgess <roblloyd.burgess@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Testimony Opposing SB 584, 586

I wish to submit written testimony in opposition to SB 584 and SB 586.

SB 584 would allow concealed carry of handguns on school or college property in Michigan. I object to this expansion by allowing concealed carry near kids and young adults.

Concealed carry weapons increase the risk that everyday disagreements will escalate into shootouts. People carrying hidden, loaded create unnecessary risks of intentional or accidental shootings.

Schools would be more vulnerable, not less, to violence if this bill passes.

SB 586 forbids local schools and colleges from enacting local ordinances relating to carrying of firearms on school or college property. I believe that local school boards and college boards are best able to determine in their own communities what is appropriate in this regard. This loss of local control is unwise.

Thank you for your attention to this testimony.

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Scott Jones

From: Denise Hartsough <denise.hartsough@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 584

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose SB 584, which would allow concealed, loaded weapons in schools, colleges, libraries and other zones currently designated as weapons-free.

As we have seen in the sadly numerous instances of mass gun violence as well as targeted, grudge-fueled attacks on individuals, making guns more prevalent in our Michigan communities decreases safety. It is unpredictable which person with a concealed weapon permit is a great guy, and which is secretly harboring anger and resentment that will manifest itself in violence. For the greater good, we need to maintain weapons-free zones--period.

The more we create a community that cultivates non-violent settlement of disagreements and care for persons with mental and emotional disturbances, the safer all of us will be. As we work toward that goal, we need to keep weapons out of public institutions where children, students, churchgoers and everyone else can do their business without the threat of intentional or accidental shootings by persons with concealed weapons.

Sincerely,

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Scott Jones

From: Andrew Steiger <asteiger712@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Requiring guns in schools is against Republican principles!!!! Don't pass more stupid laws!

Dear esteemed Michigan senators,

For years now it seems that Michigan has been going down the drain relative our surrounding states. Thanks to Granholm and Snyder, Michigan's big government, high tax, environmentally destructive, wasteful habits have nearly buried the state and its citizens as our incomes fall well behind our peers, and innovation is left to the few remaining global corporations willing to stay in Michigan. But the latest attempt by the Michigan legislature to respond to America's remarkably unique mass killings problem is beyond comprehension, both from a logical perspective but more importantly from a conservative principled perspective.

Your bill to allow anyone to possess assault rifles and other weapons in schools and hospitals is a very dangerous idea, and completely unprincipled from a conservative perspective. As a Republican who sends his children to Catholic schools (and willingly frees other citizens of the expense of educating my children), taking away my right to determine whether guns are allowed in a private school goes way beyond anything that a principled conservative would do and most certainly violates my rights as a citizen to self determination at the local school level. Please don't be a hypocrite now and over-legislate after winning the education/state's rights battle. You are coming across as a bureaucratic Democratic, substituting your ignorance for local citizens' common sense approach to living. Honestly, one would have to think that the Michigan legislature wants to increase gun violence in this state, not decrease it.

But if you must pass a "guns everywhere" law, please limit this "big government", open carry law to public schools if you must require guns in schools. Private property and private schools should not be subject to your intrusive government regulation, whether it is expanding or limiting rights of all citizens. Doing so would be dangerous and lead to unintended consequences, which ultimately you will be held accountable for, and certainly this law would be challenged as violating our Constitutional rights to freedom of religion and the right to protect ourselves from our fellow citizens.

Respectfully,

Andrew Steiger
Concerned Citizen and Lifelong Resident of Michigan

Scott Jones

From: Chrysteen Moelter-Gray <cgmgray@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 584 - 586

I stand in strong opposition to this package of bills (SB 584-586). As a classroom teacher with 32 years of experience, these bills make no sense to me at all. Are the supporters taking all possible consequences into consideration? Who is held responsible if a teacher with a concealed carry weapon accidentally kills or injures a child while defending them from an armed intruder? Who pays the cost of the loss of that child's life? Who indemnifies the teacher and the school district against the inevitable lawsuits that would (justifiably) follow?

Instead of increasing the number of weapons in public places like schools, churches, sporting events and so on, our legislators should be doing absolutely everything in their power to make sure weapons are used only for hunting, target practice, and by highly trained professionals.

Other countries have figured this out. It's high time we stop defending indefensible positions taken by arm manufacturers and reaffirm the value of true human dignity and freedom, which requires much more attention to the public good and community welfare than allowing either the open or concealed carry of weapons. The framers of the Second Amendment inserted the phrase "carefully regulated militia", not "unregulated access and use by anyone under all circumstances".

Chrysteen Moelter-Gray
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Sent from my iPhone

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Julie Osburn <ozzjulie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:09 PM
To: The Office of Senator Hansen; The Office of Senator Ananich; The Office of Senator Meekhof; Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Hood
Subject: Opposition to Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586

Dear Senator:

I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586. As a parent with a child in public schools, these pieces of legislation not only concern me, but I believe they are dangerous.

The proliferation of guns in our society has not led to more safety, it has led to more death. Guns carried by anybody in schools or hospitals only make those areas less safe. I strongly oppose Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586, and urge you to reconsider what can be done to truly make our schools more safe.

Thank you,

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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Jennifer Grieco <JGrieco@nagmlaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:24 PM
To: The Office of Senator Hansen; The Office of Senator Ananich; The Office of Senator Meekhof; Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Hood
Subject: Opposition to Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586
Importance: High

Dear Senator:

I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586. As a parent with a school age child, these pieces of legislation not only concern me, but I believe they are dangerous.

The proliferation of guns in our society has not led to more safety, it has led to more death. Guns carried by anybody in schools or hospitals only make those areas less safe. I strongly oppose Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586, and urge you to reconsider what can be done to truly make our schools more safe.

Thank you,

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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Tom Sperti <tpsperti@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Bills 584-586

Dear Committee Members,

I am the parent of two young children, one preschool, and one ready to start. In addition, I am married to a teacher. In the strongest possible terms, I oppose bills 584-586. In fact, should they pass, I will strongly consider LEAVING the state! This is dangerous!

If you're going to suggest that teachers conceal carry firearms in schools in order to maintain student safety, please consider the following points:

- What percentage of teachers would actually be interested in such a program?
- What percentage of teachers participating would be necessary to keep all students safe?
- If the ability to conceal carry is voluntary, how many teachers would be willing to take on the burden of cost for the firearm and the continual training?
- If the individual does not have to take on the financial burden, who does?
- How much initial and continuing active shooter training would a teacher have to take on given that a worst case scenario would include innocent bystanders in every direction?
- Do you still want teachers to provide students with great lessons? If so, how do you propose that those individuals maintain the high level of instruction and simultaneously be equipped mentally and physically to eliminate a threat?
- Who would regulate and track that training to make sure that individuals are prepared at any moment to eliminate a threat?
- What would be the cost of maintaining records for tracking such a program?
- How would a teacher truly conceal carry during a school day when 20+, 30+, or 40+ eyes are constantly on them while also maintaining professional dress?
- Would such a program increase the number of gun incidents, as the number of weapons present in the environment increases and the possibility of several students overpowering a teacher who is carrying now exists?
- How would you address the fact that all of the students know all of the procedures in place during a lockdown threat as it is practiced throughout each school year like fire and tornado drills?
- What are the potential impacts of introducing dangerous weapons into the school environment given the high-stakes, high stress environment present in schools today?
- What happens if/when a teacher "snaps" due to the very high-stress environment of that career currently in place? When one teacher is eliminating a threat from another teacher, who is the "bad guy" and how would law enforcement or anyone else be able to tell?
- How do increased weapons contribute to a loving, welcoming, comfortable learning environment?

If you can't answer ALL of the previous points, you should stop making suggestions about what happens in schools.

Rather, I propose a much simpler solution:

Properly fund schools to provide the many resources necessary to encourage the development of well-rounded individuals.

-Get rid of the high stakes atmosphere so that schools can once again become a place for creativity and exploration.

-Provide arts and extracurricular opportunities to mold happy children.

-Provide students with tools to deal with emotional adversity.

-Support low class sizes so that teachers have the ability to get to know their students on a personal level and form meaningful bonds that allow for greater learning opportunities.

-Allow for the presence of counselors, school psychologists, speech pathologists, and special education faculty so that the greater needs of some students are met.

-Minimally, allow local districts to make this choice!

If you absolutely insist upon the continuation and escalation of the violent society that we have created, properly fund schools so that armed security, whose sole job is protection from threats, and who are put through extensive training, are present on school grounds.

Please, do not pass the bills!

Sincerely,
Thomas Sperti

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Anne Woiwode <tawoiwode@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:40 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Comments for Govt Operations Committee meeting today

Please share with the full committee:

Senator Meekof:

As the Majority leader, your job is to represent all of the people of Michigan. These bills, SB 584, 585 and 586, scheduled to be taken up today in Government Operations Committee, are an affront to Michiganders everywhere in Michigan. With the deaths of so many Americans at the hands of the fellow citizens wielding guns, how on earth can the Michigan Senate seriously consider loosening the restrictions to allow more guns into schools, churches, day care centers, or anywhere?

Please pay attention to what Michigander actually want -- it is time to put rational, effective public safety and health ahead of the gun manufacturers wants. Block this legislation today and forever.

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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Patricia A. Stamler <pstamler@hertzschram.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:45 PM
To: The Office of Senator Hansen; The Office of Senator Ananich; The Office of Senator Meekhof; Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Hood
Subject: Opposition to Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586
Importance: High

Dear Senators:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586. As a parent and voter, I am deeply concerned by the proposed legislation. These bills are irresponsible and dangerous.

The proliferation of guns and easy access to guns in our society has not created a safer environment. Rather, it has resulted in more death due to gun violence. Guns carried by anybody in schools or hospitals only make those areas less safe. I strongly oppose Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586, and urge you to reconsider what can be done to truly make our schools safer.

Thank you,

Patricia Stamler

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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Wendy Doherty <wendy_doherty@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:54 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 584-586; SB 584-585; SB 586

I am contacting you this afternoon to encourage you to vote "No" on the above senate bills. The idea of allowing pistols in preschools, daycares, and classrooms is abhorrent. Equally abhorrent is allowing the carrying of a concealed weapon in schools, daycares and hospitals.

Will job applicants now be required to obtain a CCW license/permit and demonstrate knowledge of how to use a firearm? One knee-jerk reaction from an unstable person can create havoc in someone else's life.

These facilities are where we place our loved ones for care and instruction. Ensuring their safety is a given. Ensuring it with allowing pistols is not. Are you prepared for the consequences?

Wendy Doherty

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Dana Warnez <danawarnez@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:57 PM
To: The Office of Senator Hansen; The Office of Senator Ananich; The Office of Senator Meekhof; Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Hood
Subject: Opposition to Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586

Dear Senator:

I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586. These pieces of legislation not only concern me, but I believe they are dangerous.

The proliferation of guns in our society has not led to more safety, it has led to more death. Guns carried by anybody in schools or hospitals only make those areas less safe. I strongly oppose Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586, and urge you to reconsider what can be done to truly make our schools more safe.

Thank you,

Dana Warnez

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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Barb Anness <tbanness@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:58 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof; The Office of Senator Hansen; The Office of Senator Ananich; The Office of Senator Hood
Subject: I OPPOSE Senate Bills 584-586 SHARE IN COMMITTEE

Dear Government Operations Committee and Clerk,

I OPPOSE Senate Bills 584-586.

Allowing guns to be openly carried in schools, daycares, bars and large sporting or entertainment events DO NOT make citizens safer. We can end gun violence but it doesn't entail more guns in public spaces. It involves the political will to make common sense gun laws that protect all citizens, not just those that covet the 2nd amendment of the Constitution.

Additionally, a locally elected body, like school boards, should have the right to set policy for their districts and community.

Please share this coorespondence during the committee hearing for these bills. Thank you.

Barb Anness
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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Meri Dembrow <meridembrow@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:12 PM
To: The Office of Senator Hansen; The Office of Senator Ananich; The Office of Senator Meekhof; Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Hood
Subject: Opposition to Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586

Dear Senator,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586. These pieces of legislation are a danger to society at large and specifically children.

More guns do not lead to more safety, rather less, along with more death and destruction. Guns carried by anybody in schools or hospitals only make those areas less safe and more prone to gun attacks. Once again, I strongly oppose Senate Bills 584, 585, and 586 and urge you to reconsider about what can be done to truly make our schools more safe.

Very sincerely yours,

Meri Dembrow
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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Michael Zimmerman <kirabbiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:39 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof; The Office of Senator Jones
Subject: Written Testimony on SB 584

My name is Michael Zimmerman.
My address is 3132 Rowley Road, Williamston, 48895.

I am the Rabbi of Congregation Kehillat Israel in Lansing.

I am opposed to SB 584.

This week we witnessed the unspeakable tragedy of the shooting death of 27 people, mostly children, and the injury of 20 others in a house of worship.

As the religious leader of a congregation, I am opposed to creating more opportunities for people to bring a lethal weapon into a house of worship.

As a parent, I am opposed to legislation that makes it easier to bring a weapon into a school or daycare center.

As a citizen of a nation where over 300 mass shootings have occurred thus far in 2017, I believe that the time has come to enact strict gun control measures comparable to those in other affluent countries, where rates of death by firearms are significantly lower than they are in the United States. SB 584 is a big step in the wrong direction.

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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Sue Grigas <kinnesusd@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 484-486

To Chair, Arlen Meekhof, Geoff Hansen, Mike Kowall, Jim Ananich, and Morris W Hood

This e-mail is to voice my displeasure and concern about the senate bills being considered. I don't know how you could possibly think carrying a gun into a daycare is a good idea. In fact there is no good reason. Coming so soon after the shootings in Texas and Las Vegas, this is a slap in the face and carrying the 2nd ammendment (which is dubious to begin with) way too far. There must be more important things going on in Michigan that need your attention.

Please reconsider this heartless, outrageous and stupid legislation. It's unbelievable that it's even gotten this far. Or maybe this was just a joke going around the internet? My husband is a teacher and I have several friends who have children in daycare. To think that anyone in the legislature (senate) thought this was good public policy is way out of touch with the country and Michigan. It's too bad that you're so worried about your jobs that you accept money from the NRA. I'm more concerned with your thinking on this issue.

Thank you for your time and please reconsider.

Sue Grigas
Morrice, MI

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Brian Matteson <bmmatteson84@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: Senate Bills 584-585 & 586

Hello,

I am a citizen of Chelsea, MI. I want to express my deepest opposition for these measures.

Our country is beset by a plague of gun violence. Every month, sometimes more frequently, we see the toll that our gun culture exacts on our people. Innocent people, children, babies, mothers, fathers, grandparents, young, and old. This epidemic affects comes for us all.

It hurts everyone. Everyone except the gun industry. After every violent tragedy, the news obeys the same cycle. Grief, pushing change, a rebuke of change, and ultimately paralysis. That paralysis feeds the fears of ordinary Americans. We see our government fail to protect us in the most basic of ways; that is that it fails to protect our lives. And when we see that, we believe we must protect ourselves. And as a result, we buy guns.

But these guns do nothing to protect us. Quite the contrary. Indeed, gun ownership is strongly correlated to gun violence on both an individual and state level. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3828709/>

The only people served by this cycle of fear, paralysis, and gun buying are those that benefit from the Gun Industry. Namely the gun corporations, the gun lobby, and the political representatives who are little more than a gun lobby toady.

Proponents of actions like these bills would sing the tired refrain: "The only way to stop a bad guy with a gun, is a good guy with a gun." This is obviously false on every level. There are plenty of ways to stop bad guys with guns other than more guns. And the notion that a good guy with a gun could always be readily available (or perfectly evaluated beforehand to be ready for this situation) is taken from fiction.

Other options for stopping bad guys with a gun that are equally plausible:

- Superman
- Spiderman (allocated on a neighborhood basis, vetted to be friendly)
- An Acme-brand Anvil dropped from the sky directly on top of the "bad guy."

Further, we already HAVE good guys with guns. In fact, they are in every city and village across the country. They are called Police officers. And we vet them, arm them, and vest them with the solemn duty of protecting and serving innocent people from the aforementioned bad guys.

Please do not let guns onto schools. Please do not stop schools from protecting students by regulating and banning guns. Please stop this cycle and stop obeying the whims of the gun lobby and the straight mad gun culture in this country.

We've been pursuing this wild west mentality for decades on guns. And it has only gotten worse. It's time to try something else.

Thank you,
Brian Matteson
Chelsea, MI

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Pertz, Leslie <lesliepe@med.umich.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 2:15 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

Guns have NO PLACE in buildings where children or patients are being cared for.
I strongly oppose these bills.
Leslie Pertz, Ann Arbor.

Miracles happen every day in Ambulatory Care.



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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Allene Bell <sabell131@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

Dear Senate Committee Members:

I am writing to urge you to oppose Bills 584-586 which would allow concealed pistols in preschools, daycares and classrooms.

It is imperative that schools be allowed to set their own policies regarding guns in schools and classrooms.

Sincerely,

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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Linda Tiffany <anytiff@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: NO Guns in schools!!!!!!!!!!

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: L. Siegelbaum <siegelba@msu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 2:33 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-586

I am writing as a resident of Michigan to state not only my opposition to the Michigan Senate's Bills 584-586 which would allow pistols in preschools, daycares, hospitals, and classrooms, but my utter horror at the prospect of prohibiting schools from regulating guns at all.

What happened in Sutherland Springs, Texas will continue to happen elsewhere in the country, including in Michigan, so long as we do nothing to stop the proliferation of guns and the places where they can legally be carried. We need to CONTRACT rather than expand where guns are legal. We need to STOP THE MADNESS.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis Siegelbaum
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East Lansing, MI 48823

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: mary branstner <mrbranstner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 3:24 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Committee Bills 584-585 586

STRONGLY OPPOSE!!! Guns around young children is just a crazy concept. If a shooter ever came into a school with an automatic weapon there wouldn't be time to get a gun that was safely locked up as it would have to be around children. Imagine the legal exposure if it wasn't. Not to have guns in a gun safe around children is unconscionable.

To have a bill that would restrict future legislation (586) about guns in schools tells me that you are not concerned with future unintended consequences. Be a representative of all the people of Michigan with common sense gun legislation. I am a licensed driver with car insurance, who took training, was tested on paper and on the road. I regularly renew both my insurance and license. Guns in this country need laws to protect all citizens. Gun owners need insurance, licensing (maybe gradual levels of competency on different types of weapons) training, testing and renewal of all of the above. That's what make sense.

Mary Branstner
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Traverse City, Michigan

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Linda Covey <triplellfarm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: No guns in schools

Guns available in schools will only make it more possible for disagreements to escalate into gun violence. I ask you to oppose this initiative Linda covey

Sent from my iPad

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Camille Doerr <randcdoerr@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof; The Office of Senator Hansen; The Office of Senator Hood
Subject: Senate bills 584,585,586

I am writing to ask you to oppose bills 584,585,586. As a retired teacher and parent, I find these bills very troubling.

I am not trying to take people's guns away, but they are for hunting or recreation and have no place in a school or hospital.

Thank you in advance for rethinking these incredibly dangerous bills for our children, teachers, and patients sake.

Camille Doerr
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Rochester Hills

Sent from my iPhone

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Nadia Tonova <nadia.tonova@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 4:28 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Proposed gun legislation

Hello,

I am writing to express my deep opposition to the proposed legislation being voted on in committee tomorrow that would allow people to carry pistols into daycares, schools and hospitals. As the mother of three young children, this proposed legislation horrifies me. I don't believe that people should be able to bring any firearms into schools or daycares. This puts our children at an elevated risk. The threat of violence at our schools is already terrifying. The last thing we need is to willfully allow people to carry weapons into our schools. Please vote no on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Nadia Tonova
Grosse Ile, Mi
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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Stuart Dombey <sdombey@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 4:32 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 584 and 585

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

SB 584 and 585

Please vote No on these Bills.

There have been two mass shootings in the last few weeks causing over 70 deaths. However mass shootings are not the main issue although they generate the headlines. There were 33,000 deaths from guns in 2014. Surely we would all like to reduce these deaths. Twenty thousand were suicides and 13,000 were homicides. Despite the concept of more guns causing less crime, gun ownership rates are now going up together with crime and homicides so we have to consider that the theory is disproved. Allowing guns in gun free zones leads me to ask whether you care about one extra death or one hundred extra deaths caused by your actions? What will you do when there is a gun injury in Michigan Stadium or a Michigan State student kills a professor or a teacher kills a child? Why are you going forward with these Bills when you should be considering ways of reducing gun violence?

I hope you will agree these Bills will not reduce gun violence. You could be considering insisting on additional gun training for people who want to exercise their constitutional right to bear arms, forcing disturbed individuals to give up their gun rights and keeping arms out of sensitive and currently no carry zones. Your predecessors created no carry zones for a reason.

Stuart Dombey M.D.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48104

Member of Physicians for the Prevention of gun violence

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: MaryAnn Dunn <maryadu@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 7:42 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: SB 584, 585, 586

I am writing in strong opposition to SB 584-585. Recent events in Las Vegas and Sutherland, TX, demonstrate that we clearly have a surplus of guns in this country - not a lack of firearms. The NRA strategy of guns everywhere is irresponsible and unwise and will only result in more mass shootings and tragic loss of life.

Furthermore, I oppose SB 586. Schools absolutely should retain the right to policies that prohibit guns. More guns will NOT make our students safer. I shudder to think how fearful I will be if my preschool granddaughter has to attend school where people are carrying guns.

These awful bills need to be opposed.

MaryAnn Dunn
Holland, MI

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Kathy McNeilly <ktaylor314@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:16 PM
To: The Office of Senator Meekhof; Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: OPPOSE SB 584-586

I would like to formally voice my opinion about SB 584-586. As a teacher, parent, and Michigan citizen I feel that allowing concealed weapons inside of a school is an extremely unsafe idea. We need to be keeping our children safer, and allowing concealed weapons inside correlates with more gun violence. In fact, I feel like we should be researching ways for firmer gun control and background checks. Schools and guns should never go together. I want my school to be a safe place, and I do not feel concealed carry is the answer.

Concealed carry is not the answer.

Kathy McNeilly
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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Karla Swanson <karlasueswanson@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 6:23 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Opposed

I'm opposed to the senate bills 584,585,586 which are due to go into effect today. Please STOP the bill.

Sent from my iPhone

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Jenny <jhayden78@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 8:16 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: I oppose SB 584-585

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose Senate Bills 584-585 which would allow anyone with a concealed pistol license to concealed carry in schools, day-cares and hospitals. These are no places for guns and local schools, day-cares, and hospitals must be allowed to make their own policies regarding weapons.

Sincerely,
Jennifer B. Hayden
Cheboygan, MI

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: MaryEllen Hagerl <mhagerl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 8:42 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Senate Bills 584-585

Dear Committee Chair and Geoff Hansen, Mike Kowall, Jim Ananich and Morris W Hood.

AS a former teacher for 41 years AND a substitute I totally OPPOSE this legislation. Open carry has NO Place in our schools especially since mentally ill and people and other who should NOT have firearms can more easily obtain them under new rules.

This legislation makes no sense other than encouraging a martial law atmosphere.

MaryEllen Hagerl
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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Sharyn <hansen1378@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Keep guns out of our schools

No guns in our schools! There is a man who thought it was acceptable to drop his daughter off at a Petoskey school while wearing a gun on his hip. This is horrifying to all of us. Guns everywhere does not make us safer. ENOUGH!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Kathy <angelhugger@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 10:45 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; senAMeekhof@michigan.gov
Subject: Vote NO on Sen Bill 584-5

Dear Senators:

I am writing to vehemently oppose Senate Bills 584-65 regarding loosening restrictions for gun carry in schools, day care centers, stadiums, bars.

There is no logical reason or benefit to this malaligned proposal. It serves no one except the NRA and feeds into fear, plain and simple.

Given the recent publicized shootings in this country, we insist that our legislators tighten gun laws, insist on mandatory background checks and better mental health controls.

Our children, as well as all citizens of this state, deserve better than what this bill offers.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lohr
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Harrison Twp, Mi 48045

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When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace. Jimi Hendrix

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Ted Slater <tedmslater@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks; The Office of Senator Meekhof
Subject: Opposition to Senate Bills 584-586

Dear Senator Meekhof and Committee Clerk,

I am writing today to express my firm opposition to Senate Bills 584-586. I am frankly appalled and mystified as to why they would have been proposed in the first place, and my opposition to them is nothing short of absolutely furious.

Passage of these bills would be a gross misrepresentation of what the majority of Michiganders want to see, which will surely have its consequences for you in upcoming elections. But there are far more important consequences that could occur from passage of these bills that you need to consider right now, before it's too late for an innocent child.

Do the right thing, by not doing the wrong things.

Ted Slater
Suttons Bay, MI
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via Newton Mail

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Ruth Ann McMahon <raarmbrustermcmahon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 11:53 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: PLEASE DO NOT PASS Bills 584, 585, 586!!!

PLEASE DO NOT PASS BILLS THAT WOULD ENDANGER THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN!

PLEASE MAKE SCHOOLS GUN-FREE ZONES!!!!

Ruth Ann McMahon
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Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Stephanie Schantz <slschantz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Opposed to Senate Bill 584-586

I am a parent of three. I strongly oppose bills 584-586. In fact, should they pass, I will strongly consider LEAVING the state! This is dangerous!

If you're going to suggest that teachers conceal carry firearms in schools in order to maintain student safety, please consider the following points:

- What percentage of teachers would actually be interested in such a program?
- What percentage of teachers participating would be necessary to keep all students safe?
- If the ability to conceal carry is voluntary, how many teachers would be willing to take on the burden of cost for the firearm and the continual training?
- If the individual does not have to take on the financial burden, who does?
- How much initial and continuing active shooter training would a teacher have to take on given that a worst case scenario would include innocent bystanders in every direction?
- Do you still want teachers to provide students with great lessons? If so, how do you propose that those individuals maintain the high level of instruction and simultaneously be equipped mentally and physically to eliminate a threat?
- Who would regulate and track that training to make sure that individuals are prepared at any moment to eliminate a threat?
- What would be the cost of maintaining records for tracking such a program?
- How would a teacher truly conceal carry during a school day when 20+, 30+, or 40+ eyes are constantly on them while also maintaining professional dress?
- Would such a program increase the number of gun incidents, as the number of weapons present in the environment increases and the possibility of several students overpowering a teacher who is carrying now exists?
- How would you address the fact that all of the students know all of the procedures in place during a lockdown threat as it is practiced throughout each school year like fire and tornado drills?
- What are the potential impacts of introducing dangerous weapons into the school environment given the high-stakes, high stress environment present in schools today?
- What happens if/when a teacher "snaps" due to the very high-stress environment of that career currently in place? When one teacher is eliminating a threat from another teacher, who is the "bad guy" and how would law enforcement or anyone else be able to tell?
- How do increased weapons contribute to a loving, welcoming, comfortable learning environment?

If you can't answer ALL of the previous points, you should stop making suggestions about what happens in schools.

Instead I propose a much simpler solution:

Properly fund schools to provide the many resources necessary to encourage the development of well-rounded individuals.

- Get rid of the high stakes atmosphere so that schools can once again become a place for creativity and exploration.
- Provide arts and extracurricular opportunities to mold happy children.
- Provide students with tools to deal with emotional adversity.
- Support low class sizes so that teachers have the ability to get to know their students on a personal level and form meaningful bonds that allow for greater learning opportunities.
- Allow for the presence of counselors, school psychologists, speech pathologists, and special education faculty so that the greater needs of some students are met.
- Minimally, allow local districts to make this choice!

If you absolutely insist upon the continuation and escalation of the violent society that we have created, properly fund schools so that armed security, whose sole job is protection from threats, and who are put through extensive training, are present on school grounds.

Please, don not pass the bills!

Stephanie Schantz
Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Ruth Ann McMahon <raarmbrustermcmahon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: VOTE NO on Sen Bills 584, 585, 586

The letter below, from Michigan Parents for Schools, represents my family's feelings regarding guns in schools. Please vote NO on Bills 584, 585, and 586.

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The Honorable Arlan Meekhof
Majority Leader
Michigan State Senate
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7 November 2017
BY FAX

Dear Majority Leader Meekhof and members of the Senate,

On behalf of parent advocates across the state of Michigan, I can only say that we are **stunned** that the state Senate has chosen not only to revive, but to fast-track, legislation that would end most restrictions on who can bring deadly firearms into our public schools and other sensitive areas. There is simply no excuse for this kind of reckless legislation, which solves no problems but potentially endangers many innocents.

In only one hour of committee hearings, you and your colleagues have moved forward a package of bills that not only strips local school districts of the power to control weapons in their own school buildings, but guts the original agreement that underlies the "shall issue" legislation for concealed pistol licenses. Former Gov. John Engler insisted that certain gun-free zones be included before he would sign that legislation. These bills would sweep that compromise away.

A few hours of classes do not equal the extensive training law enforcement officers receive in how and when to use their weapons. Schools would be in the impossible position of figuring out who was legally permitted to bring a concealed weapon into the building and what their intentions might be. These bills place the desire of a very few to carry guns anyplace they choose over the very real right of our children to attend school in safety and without fear.

We ask that you and your colleagues pause to question what possible benefits this legislation could have for our children, examine the much more substantial dangers it would bring to our children, and wonder who would ultimately benefit. I assure you, it would not be our children, our schools, or our communities. Senate Bills 584-586 represent a tangible threat to the children of our state and should under no circumstances become law in Michigan. We join with the Michigan PTA, Michigan Assn. of School Boards, Michigan Assn. of School Administrators, and dozens of other organizations in opposing these bills.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Norton
Executive Director

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

From: Kristy Whitfield <kristwhitfield@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 12:45 PM
To: Senate Majority Committee Clerks
Subject: Bills 584, 585, 586

To Whom It May Concern,

I am emailing to oppose Senate Bills 584, 585 and 586 that will be discussed tomorrow. Guns have no place in schools, daycares or hospitals. Nor should schools be unable to regulate the the presence of guns. It has been argued that schools should be controlled locally rather than by the state, so the argument should hold in terms of guns as well. Please pass along my opposition to these bills up for discussion tomorrow.

Thank you,
Kristine Whitfield
Harbor Springs